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*Readings in American History.* Edited by James Alton James, professor of history, Northwestern University. (New York, Chicago, and Boston: Charles Scribner's Sons: 1914. 584 p. \$1.50 net)

Teachers will welcome the appearance of a new one volume source book on American history. Professor James has broken away from the short selections usually found in source books and used longer and more inclusive accounts. He has drawn almost wholly from personal narratives and contemporary accounts. By using longer selections important gains have been made in unity, interest, and readability, but such gains are offset by losses in the scope of material that could be used. The selections are excellent but they do not cover ground enough. Many things could not be touched upon, as there are only one hundred and five documents in the book. However the things that are treated are covered better than are similar topics in most source books. It adds to existing material for the study of American history without displacing other collections. The editorial work is of high order. Each document is preceded by a clear, concise introduction that introduces.

Two suggestions for improvement may be in order. In the few cases where selections may be found in other source books, that fact should be indicated. The volume needs a good index as there is a wide variety of social and industrial material in the various selections that can be found only by considerable search. The present index is of no perceptible value and evidently was not prepared by the author.

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